

Moderator: (2010-3-9 10:13) 本次聊天的主题是"非移民签证 DS-160 电子申请程序", 请提问与此主题相关的问题. We will answer questions related to this given topic only - "DS-160 Process for Non-immigrant Visas".

Moderator: (10:13) 请尽量用英文提问, 我们将以英语回答您的问题. Please submit your questions in English if possible. All questions will be answered in English.

Moderator: (10:13) 请直接提交问题,我们会选择有代表性的问题在 16 日下午 3:00 集中回答。 Please submit your questions. We will answer questions that most people concern on Mar 16 at 3:00pm.

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (2010-3-16 14:48) Welcome to today's Web chat on DS-160! Three visa officers are here to answer any questions you may have on the new online application process and F1 visas.

Selena zhang: (14:55) could you tell me we need to use DS-160 or use DS-156 and DS-157?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (14:55) Good afternoon, Selena! We encourage you to use the DS-160 when applying for your B1/B2 visa.

irene: (14:55) My parents are self-employed people and will support me to study in USA. What materials should I offer when I apply F1 visa? Thank you very much!

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (14:55) Hi Irene, when adjudicating student visas, visa officers are looking to see if you are first, a legitimate student going to a legitimate school, second, you have minimum preparation for studying in the U.S., have sufficient funds for the education, and that you intend to return to China upon completion of your studies. Please bring with you any documents that would help us make that determination. If your parents are self-employed, for example, their certificate of employment and income would be helpful. If you have any property, bring your property statements as well.

施雄: (14:59) 而且面试完后也没有被拒签~该补的材料也都补好了~为什么到现在都还没消息~请问这到底是什么原因~

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (14:59) Good afternoon! Unfortunately, we cannot answer individual cases in this webchat. If you have a question about a specific case, you can complete a question form here: <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/niv-inquiry-form.html>

fish4307: (15:06) when I fill in DS-160, I don't have anybody in United State as the contact person, Can I put my son's name on that? Otherwise, how should I complete the form?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (15:06) We recommend you provide the name of a hotel you will be staying, or the tour agency you will be traveling with.

listener: (15:07) Our group consists of people whose residences registered in different provinces: some in Guangdong and other not. But we all work in a Guangdong company. Can all of us get a U.S visa in Guangzhou?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (15:07) Good afternoon! Yes, regardless of which province you live in, you are all eligible to apply for a visa at the U.S. Consulate General in Guangzhou.

yonghao li: (15:08) 我是 J-2 签证，看到确认页上要求有 SEVIS 注册和费用支付证明，请问是什么证明？需要交什么费用？谢谢！

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (15:08) Hello! Please bring proof of your SEVIS payment to the window on the day of your interview.

jingwh: (15:08) 一个大人一个小孩申请时是否要分开独立填表？

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (15:08) Yes, each applicant must submit his/her own application

刘乐: (15:10) I want to apply for a visa for travel, should I complete the DS-106 form only??

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (15:10) Good afternoon! When applying for a B1/B2 visa for travel purposes, we encourage you to complete the DS-160. However, on the day of your interview, please bring documents that demonstrate your ties to China.

Emily: (15:12) 很感谢领事馆为大家提供这便民的申请程序，但是新系统有待改善和提高速度。我想建议系统增加一些链接，可以在填完表格后，另外有链接可以进入预览和电子确认的环节，在左侧菜单栏里面可以选择性的进入更改资料，那就更方便了。支持 DS-160，但有望改进！

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (15:12) Thank you for your suggestion. The system currently allows applicants to review the application before submitting it.

Hugo: (15:13) I have a question, just wondering if ALL of the U.S. Consulate in China are using DS160?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (15:13) Yes, all U.S. Consulates in China, and the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, are currently using DS160.

xiayang: (15:14) hi, I was confronted with a question when filling DS-160. My father is applying for non-immigrant visa to join my graduation ceremony, when it came to the question about the date of issuing visa he was given of his last visit of America, he cannot answer because his last trip to the US was organized by a government institute and my father didn't even use his personal passport. So how can he answer this question so that he can complete the form. One more question is that since my grandfather and grandmother have already passed away many years ago, can we just check "do not remember" on all the questions asking information about them? Thank you so much!

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (15:14) Good afternoon, Xiyang! If your father cannot remember the issuance date of his previous visa because it was in his official passport, then he can answer "Does Not Know." However, only answer "Does Not Know" if your father genuinely doesn't remember. I understand that your grandparents have passed away, but your father is still required to answer questions that ask for their information. Please try to answer these questions as best as you can.

Nick Chan: (15:15) ! I don't have a printer on my computer .Could I fill "DS160" first then save it on my memory card to print it out? 2 Does it mean that if I want a trip of travelling I just fill "DS160"?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (15:15) Hi Nick, you may save the application on a thumb drive or a disk.

lou xiangdong: (15:15) My parents are planning to apply together non-immigrant visa in coming weeks. I am preparing the new DS-160 form for them. I have done with my fathers (principle applicant) form. Do I need to fill a separate form for my mother?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (15:15) Good afternoon! Yes, a separate DS-160 must be completed for your mother.

JELLY: (15:23) the sistem is not so good and it's waste of time to fell in the form,

Visa Officer Shawntae White: (15:23) We really appreciate hearing your comments. Thank you. On the first day of implementation, almost 100% of applicants used the DS-160 and expressed satisfaction with it. In subsequent days, some users found the form slow and were not able to use it conveniently. We were disappointed that our customers were not getting to experience the benefits of this smarter, GREENER form, but we very much appreciated their honest feedback on our blog and in correspondence to the Embassy. The State Department heard these comments and began working very hard on restoring the speed and functionality of the DS-160.

higa eda laura elisa: (15:25) Hi again, I have an itinerary with my flights to and from the USA, however, the intinerary does not have my name and it is not formally stamped by the agency, is this ok?

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (15:25) Hi Laura, you do not have to bring your itinerary to the visa interview. We may request it if your application requires additional administrative processing, but no official stamp is required.

zixin wang: (15:27) I mean, is the old form still available?

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (15:27) Now, many of our customers are able to use the DS160. For applicants' convenience, however, the U.S. Consulate in Guangzhou is still accepting older forms until we can be 100 percent confident the DS160 will work well enough to meet applicants' needs.

zixin wang: (15:27) Do we have to fill out the new form to apply F1 visa?

vbc: (15:30) Hello Tom, may I post my questions again since they got buried? Regarding the common concern over security checks. In particular, are employees from the financial services industry viewed more suspiciously because of the supposed damage they've done to the US economy? Also, is first time H1B visa applicant generally subject to a short PIMS delay? Thank you for your time.

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (15:30) Good afternoon! No, employees from the financial services sector are not viewed more suspiciously. In general, whenever you apply for an H1/B visa, we'll use PIMS to quickly confirm your H1/B status.

weiyi: (15:31) I plan to travel to US this July with my father and mother who now live without me. I now live in Guangzhou and my parent live in Nanjing. How can we apply for the visas and show that we will travel together? Thank you.

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (15:31) Your family may apply together if it is more convenient for you, as we accept out-of-district applications. But if you apply separately, then I recommend you bring a copy of your parent's visa (and your parents bring a copy of your visa) and tell the visa officer that you are applying together for the same trip. The officer can then look the information up in our system.

huiling: (15:31) I will like to invite my parents to come to my graduation. However, what kind of the visa they should select while filling the DS-160 since I noticed there are two B2 on the form, one is personal travel visitor, the other is personal travel? Thanks in advance.

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (15:31) Good afternoon! When completing the DS-160, your parents should select the B1/B2 visa, which is for both business travelers and tourists.

Helen liu: (15:32) what language will request in my interview, English or Mandarin?

Visa Officer Shawntae White: (15:32) Hi Helen. You can use either Mandarin or English at your interview since visa officers also know Mandarin. However, if you speak English, feel free to practice and use it.

chen: (15:33) I am in US, can I fill the DS-160 form for my parents? If they do not have the pictures to upload to the electronic form, can they put the pictures on the last page after print out? Thanks!

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (15:33) Hello! Please feel free to fill out DS160 for your parents. But remember to declare at the end of the form that you filled it out for them.

luogang: (15:34) do i have to fill application form on line? the server dropped all the time and my pic can't upload.. failed all the time

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (15:34) Good afternoon! For many of our applicants, they have been able to use the DS-160. However, in keeping the applicants' convenience in mind, the U.S. Consulate General in Guangzhou is still accepting the older application forms until we can be 100 percent confident that the DS-160 will work well enough to meet applicants' needs.

Rebecca: (15:39) would you please show me how to use the "DS-160 Process for Non-immigrant Visas".

Visa Officer Shawntae White: (15:39) Hi Rebecca. Please go to our website at <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/non-immigrant-visa-section.html>. This will help answer several of your questions. Thanks.

SUSANNA: (15:40) Why some of DS-160 Process for Non-immigrant Visas do not require the applicants to provide information of their "Education/Training Information"?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (15:40) Good afternoon! Thank you for your honest feedback. We find these questions to be especially useful as we continue to evaluate the new online application system.

qsp: (15:41) 我的先生是美国人，我们已经在中国结婚和生活，我和她回美国探亲一个月然后回中国，我申请非移民 DS_160，对吗？

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (15:41) Yes! You would apply for a B1/B2 visa on the DS160. I recommend that you bring your husband's passport with his Chinese work visa, your marriage certificate and any proof that shows you and your husband's long-term residence in China.

aveline: (15:41) when I am trying to fill the DS-160 form online, it didn't even pass 5 minutes, then it shows time out! what can I do?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (15:41) Good afternoon! We encourage you to save as often as possible when completing the DS-160.

FQ: (15:44) What's going on? I have tried to fill out ds-160 form for a week!!!!!! I'm very tired now!!!! Tomorrow is the day i destine, i don't know what i do. Does ds-156、157、158 still use? I have a dilemma. Please tell me a solution, quickly.

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (15:44) Good afternoon! Although many of our applicants have been successful in completing the DS-160, for the convenience of our applicants, the U.S. Consulate General in Guangzhou still accepts the older forms until we are fully confident that the DS-160 will work well enough to meet the needs of our applicants.

游飞明: (15:47) 如果申请春令营签证获准，但因客观原因未能如期前行，请问这种情况会影响将来再申请签证吗？谢谢

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (15:47) Thank you for your question. The fact that you never used a previous visa should not have negative impact on future applications.

lin jun: (15:48) I just submitted 2 DS-160 application forms for my parents. But the printed confirmaiton pages do not include all the information which is showing on the web. I have the confirmation numbers. How can I get the confirmation page again? I want to re-print the confirmation page. Thank you for your time.

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (15:48) Good afternoon! The DS-160 confirmation page should only include the applicant's photo, passport number, the address of the U.S. Consulate General in Guangzhou, and the barcode. No other information from the DS-160 should appear on the confirmation page.

YONGHAOLI: (15:49) 申请 J-1 签证和 J-2 签证的 DS-160 表格的内容是完全一样的吗？没有内容上的区别吗？谢谢

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (15:49) Hello, your gender, age, and other factors of your demographic - and different visa categories -- prompt different questions on the online application.

dafeifei: (15:51) why the server is very slow and break frequently. And each time the network was broken, i have to repeat all the process from the beginning. I have already tried for more ten hours and could not complete it.

Visa Officer Shawntae White: (15:51) Hi Dafeifei. I'm so sorry to hear about your inconvenience! Keep in mind we are really working hard to help you and many of our applicants. Because it is a new system, we are experiencing growing pains, and we can assure you that these growing pains are being sorted out. Thanks so much for your feedback and your patience!

M Sidarta: (15:51) I am Indonesian passport holder and i am now staying in Shenzhen, then running my business in Hong Kong, and I would like to know whether can i apply a leisure and business exhibition visiting visa in Guang Zhou, if yes appreciate if you can let me know what kind of documentation i should prepare and submitted. Many thanks in advance.

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (15:51) Good afternoon! As an Indonesian national, you're more than welcome to apply for a B1/B2 visa at the U.S. Consulate General in Guangzhou. If you live and work in southern China, then I recommend that you bring documents that demonstrate your economic ties here.

viuolet_aj: (15:51) I have finished DS-160 and confirmed last night. But didn't print and email the confirmed page, the system is timed out. What can I do now?

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (15:51) Hello, if you do not have the original confirmation numbers, it is difficult to access the original application. We recommend you fill out a new DS160 and bring the confirmation number associated with the new application to your interview.

Joe: (15:52) I submit ds-160 form online, but realized it has error. so I re-submit another ds-160, it will not affect my application?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (15:52) Good afternoon! No, resubmitting another DS-160 will not affect your application. However, on the day of your interview, be sure to bring the confirmation page that corresponds to your re-submitted DS-160. In addition to your confirmation page, please bring documents that demonstrate your social and economic ties to China.

JINLIN: (15:54) THE NATIONALITY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, IS IT THE PASSPORT NUMBER OR THE NORMAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (15:54) Good afternoon! The nationality identification number is the normal identification number.

li guang: (15:54) My friend now studying in a university in the USA holding a J-1 visa and he just got an offer for Ph. D program and he wants to further his study in the USA this fall. What is the process does he need to go through for getting a new visa?

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (15:54) If he is currently a J-1 visa holder, and wants to enroll in a different university, the new university must issue a new I-20, if the program requires an F1 visa, and a DS2019, if the program requires a J1.

nangongyi 2: (15:55) I hope the design of this form could be more humanity. Such as when I upload the previous saved file, I have to start from the very beginning and waiting for next to next. Why not start from the page when the session time out? It would save much time.

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (15:55) Thank you for your feedback. We welcome them as we continue to improve our system. Meanwhile, please save the application on your thumb drive as often as you can.

Helen liu: (15:57) I am decided to visit our company customer in USA, so I have booked my visa interview on next week, How long will it take to get the visa after my interview?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (15:57) Good afternoon! It takes about 3 to 4 business days from the day of your interview to the receipt of your visa. You don't need to provide your flight or hotel booking confirmation during the interview, but I would recommend that you bring that information with you just in case. Yes, please bring original copies of your documents, and no, you don't need to translate all of your Chinese documents into English.

Cheney Xu: (15:59) Officer,我想问问, 我不记得上次拒签时是否录过全部十指指纹, 但一定录过, 这一项是否应该填写成否

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (15:59) If you applied for your visa in the past year, you most definitely have taken the 10-print. Thanks!

wei wei: (16:00) Good Afternoon, My 5yr old daughter and I want to visit my wife who hold a F1 visa, shall we be principal applicant or depentant applicant when fill the DS160?, if choose non-principal applicant, later it would prompt we are applying a student/exchange visitor visa, that sounds strange, please advise. thanks!

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (16:00) Hello! If your wife holds an F1, then you and your daughter would be applying for F2 visas. This means you are a dependent applicant.

donghuxi: (16:00) what is means of passport book No ?how can I get it ? Thans

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:00) Good afternoon! The passport book number is available in passports that were issued after 1997. It's a small, black number that's located on the inside of the front cover. It's different from your passport number, which is red.

侯纯雪: (16:02) I will go to have a interview on 8 Mar. But I have tried to fill the DS160 for 1 week. It didn't work.What can I do now?

Visa Officer Shawntae White: (16:02) While many of our customers are to able to use the DS-160, I am sorry to hear about your inconvenience. Therefore, for your convenience and for others having difficulties with the DS-160, keep in mind the Guangzhou Consulate is still accepting the older forms (DS-156, which is a hard copy) until we can be confident the DS-160 will work well enough to meet all of your and other applicants' needs. Once again, we really appreciate your patience while these growing pains are being sorted out. Thanks.

dana: (16:04) 我是申请留学生签证的，首先我已经确认了我的 DS-160，然后我的面试时间也已经确定。但是在我确定了我的面试时间后，我又把 DS-160 上的前往美国留学的预定时间改变了，这个经过改动后的 DS-160 可以用于签证吗？

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (16:04) Thank you for your question. If you have the application saved, simply return to the application to make corrections. Then print out a new confirmation page for the corrected version.

唐园华: (16:04) i want to ask something about the visa application

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:04) Good afternoon! You should apply for a B1/B2 visa, which includes both business travelers and tourists. To access the DS-160, please go here: <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/niv-how-to-apply.html>

dana: (16:06) 我想请问，递交美国留学申请资料，除了毕业证书和成绩单需要用英文翻译，那么其他的资料是否还需要用英文翻译，我递交中文的可以吗？

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (16:06) Hi Dana, when applying for a student visa, officers are trying to determine whether you are a legitimate student, have minimum level of preparation of study, have sufficient funds for the education and intend to return to the U.S. upon completion of your program. Please feel free to bring any documents you believe would help the visa officer make those determinations.

tan: (16:12) hello, I am helping my parent to fill the DS-160 form here in the U.S. Can I help them to electronically sign and submit in the end; and send back the confirmation page to them?

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (16:12) Tan, you may fill out the form for your parents. Simply declare that you filled out the form at the end of the application. Then they can bring the confirmation page to the interview.

Rachel: (16:12) hi~i am Rachel here.when we fill the DS160,is that has time limite ? if we do not leave the computer during the filling process,is that also has limited ?because i here some friends said i will time out when it is above 20 minutes? we still the old form because the DS160 has bug.....next questions is about my friend,he has been check in the application of F1,but aftrter severl month still no answers? he is very worried .is there any way to check the status ? can you give me phone number or email address,or fax number to check?thank you !

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:12) Good afternoon! Many of our applicants have been successful in completing the DS-160. However, we understand that for our applicants' convenience, the U.S. Consulate General in Guangzhou will still accept the older forms until we're fully confident that the DS-160 will work well enough to meet applicants' needs. With respect to your friend, we cannot answer individual cases in this webchat. If he has specific questions about his case, then he can go here: <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/niv-inquiry-form.html>

hvv: (16:14) I think the new form DS-160 is not different from the old form(156,157,158), but waist more time,maybe the system is still not good enough, I spend 2 hours for completed the new form,

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (16:14) Thank you for your feedback. As mentioned above, on the first day of implementation, almost all of the applicants were able to use the DS160 and expressed satisfaction with it. In subsequent days, many users found the form flow and were not able to use it conveniently. The State Dept. has heard these comments and are working hard on restoring speed and functionality of the DS160.

linus: (16:15) I'd like to invite my parents to visit houston, tx, usa. how do process visa? By the way, they do not speak much mandrine (chinease0.

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:15) Good afternoon! In order to apply for a B1/B2 visa, your parents will need to complete the DS-160, which you can access here: <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/niv-how-to-apply.html>. You don't need to worry about your parents not being able to speak Mandarin; we have translators who can speak regional dialects such as Cantonese and Fujianese.

tan: (16:16) For the Work information on on DS-160 form, it only requires to write down the work for the last 5 years. If my mom has been retired since 2000, so I don't have to write down her prior work info. right? Just put Retired there. How about for the Pension income? Where to put it? Thanks

Visa Officer Shawntae White: (16:16) Hi Tan. Although your mother has been retired since 2000, she still needs to provide information on her last job that she held before she retired. As for her pension income, she can list this information for the monthly income question. Thanks.

tan: (16:16) One of the questions is to explain any visa refusal before. I just listed the last refusal date. Do I need to list all refusal dates there? How to answer the questions if I am not sure the refusal reasons?

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (16:16) Hi Tan, please fill out the form as completely as you can. If you do not know an answer to a question - such as the one you raised here - simply state, "I do not know."

Owen: (16:19) Hi I am an American Citizen. I have recently married a Chinese women. I would like her to visit my family during teh summer of 2011. Which visa would be best for us to applu for (a non-immigrant visa)

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:19) Good afternoon! If your wife would like to visit your family in the United States, then she should apply for a B1/B2 visa, which covers both business travelers and tourists. Her employment at the prefecture-level government library shouldn't be a cause for concern.

Yidong: (16:21) Since we adopted new application process, would there be any difference for returning students who transferred to other universities? And what materials and procedures are needed? Would this be the same as a new Visa application?

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (16:21) Hi Yidong, the only difference with the new DS160 system is that it's online. All other processes remain the same, including submitting a new I-20 if you transfer to a new university.

Owen: (16:22) Question #3: When researching non-immigrant visa applications I have found the answers to my questions; however one has been rather hard to pin down: When me and my wife apply for her visa to go to the US, are we able to pick the month that we would like to go to the US or is that determined by the visa officer? The reason I ask is that I have heard yes and no. But maybe some were for Immigration visas.

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:22) The officer doesn't decide when you and wife can travel to the United States. For example, if you and your wife would like to travel in August, then you should plan to apply a few weeks in advance.

Mandy: (16:22) When I finished DS 160 form. It always show time out. what's going on?

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (16:22) Hi Mandy, the system times out every 15 minutes if you stop filling out the form. Please save as often as possible as you fill out the application.

Rachel: (16:23) i am very sorry for the questions which i just submitted have some mistakes,so i make it again. hi~i am Rachel here.when we fill the DS160,is that has time limited ? if we do not leave the computer during the filling process,is that also has limited ?because i heard some friends said it will time out when it is above 20 minutes? can we still use the old form because the DS160 has bug.like very slownext questions is about my friend,he has been check in the application of F1,but after several month still no answers? he is very worried .is there any way to check the status ? can you give me phone number or email address,or fax number to check?thank you !

Visa Officer Shawntae White: (16:23) Hi Rachel...it appears that your questions have already been answered. Please see the responses given by Tom and Booyeon. This should be helpful to you. Thanks for your guest

卢旭东: (16:26) Hi, I am Lucas again. I tried to submit an application this morning again, and the website is still unavailable, every time I click "next step", it slows down and finally close the service. I tested the my internet conditions which was nothing wrong, and I am sure it must be the problem of the DS160 Form page. I really hope the old forms are available for my student's application because we do have no idea how to change this situation..It is really worrying!!!

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (16:26) Hi Lucas, we apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your honest feedback. As mentioned above, on the first day of implementation, nearly all applicants who used DS160 were able to complete it. In subsequent days, many users have encountered problems with the system. The State Dept. has heard the concerns and is working hard on restoring the speed and functionality of the new system.

comeandgo: (16:28) Another question from me: I am applying for the L1-B Visa, my passport won't be expired until Nov 2011, and my expected stay duration in US is from Apr 2010 to Mar 2013. Then, I don't have to renew my passport for the interview, correct?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:28) Good afternoon! We encourage you to renew your passport. Ideally, the validity of your visa should not exceed the validity of your passport.

卢旭东: (16:29) Hi, My name is Lucas. I am an education agent. In the past two days, I tried to submitted an application for my student, but the website was too slow and I could not even browse the page. I have been tried it for so many times even in the midnight but failed. Could you please tell me how long this system would be back into right way?? And just today my student is going to Guangzhou for her interview in Mar.8, I have to prepare old application forms for her. Could I ask you if the old forms are still available according to this condition??

Visa Officer Shawntae White: (16:29) Hi Lucas. While many of our customers are able to use the DS-160, I am sorry to hear about your inconvenience. Therefore, for your convenience and for others having difficulties with the DS-160, keep in mind the Guangzhou Consulate is still accepting the older forms (DS-156, which is a hard copy) until we can be confident the DS-160 will work well enough to meet all of your and other applicants' needs. Once again, we really appreciate your patience while these growing pains are being sorted out. Thanks.

comeandgo: (16:31) What documents should be prepared if I want to apply for a L1-B visa? Is resume a must? Is the work/research plan a must?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:31) When applying for your visa, you must provide your resume, the contract between your employer (i.e., the petitioner) and you (i.e., the petitionee), and your L1/B petition from the Department of Homeland Security. In other words, you should bring documents with you that support your application for an L1/B visa.

theresa: (16:31) my passport will expire on Oct.31,2011, but I plan to apply for a 2-year work visa. Is it ok to have a work visa period longer than passport valid date?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:31) Good afternoon! We encourage you to renew your passport. Ideally, the validity of your visa should not exceed the validity of your passport.

wen xiujun: (16:33) I have visited USA last month and come back China on Feb. 10 on visa B1. I plan to visit USA again next month from April 16 to 29. Can I use the last visa or I need to apply a new B1 visa.

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:33) Good afternoon! Typically, B1/B2 visas are multi-entry visas that are valid for 1 yr. For example, if you applied for your visa on February 1, 2010, then your visa is valid until February 1, 2011.

nangongyi 2: (16:35) I have spent four days to fill out this DS-160. But I can't finish it due to your unstable system. Would you please let me know when it would be ok?

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (16:35) We apologize for the inconvenience. As stated above, the U.S. Consulate in Guangzhou is still accepting the old form, until we are confident the DS160 will work well enough to meet your needs.

易玲: (16:35) I lost my america visa last week in foshan, the expire date is 25,july,2010, and it was apply in colombia. Now I am in China, pls tell me how can I reapply one??? What docs I need to prepare??

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:35) Good afternoon! You can apply for a new visa by going here: <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/niv-how-to-apply.html>. Please bring documentation with you that demonstrates your social and economic ties to China. Furthermore, when completing the DS-160, please indicate that you lost a passport that contained a U.S. visa. Also, be sure to tell the officer this during your interview.

Mandy: (16:37) Good afternoon, I'm planning to go to USA in the end of May. So I wonder when I should apply?

Visa Officer Shawntae White: (16:37) Hi Mandy. If you're planning on going to the US in May, then it is wise to apply for a visa a couple of months ahead of time, just in case your visa requires additional processing.

Judy: (16:37) Good afternoon Sir/Madam, The following issue has been concerned for years. How do I get the entrance visa to give my deceased husband my last respect as a widow? We got married in Nov 2003, he died in 31st March of 2005 March. Hope to have the proper answer and guidance soon. Thanks a lot for your kindly attention! Sincerely, Zhu Zhenyou

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:37) Good afternoon. You can apply for a B1/B2 visa. To learn how, please go here: <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/niv-how-to-apply.html>

Yushi Huang: (16:38) I am a high school student preparing to go to a US university. It seems that I have to show my TOEFL score report in paper as material. But unfortunately I did not have one in paper but all online. Can I just print it down as a score report?

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (16:38) Yushi, the U.S. welcomes Chinese students. Visa officers look for four things when interviewing students. Are you a legitimate student? Do you have minimum preparation for the course of study? Do you have sufficient funds for the education? Do you intend to return to China upon graduation? If you believe your TOEFL score will help the officer answer one of the four questions, please bring it along. But it is not required.

Dana: (16:40) 是的，我已经准备好了所有的留学申请资料，但是我不确定是否所有的中文资料都需要翻译成英文

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (16:40) Dana, all those documents, if you choose to bring them, can either be in Chinese or English.

Carrie Zhou: (16:41) A friend of mine is applying for the B2 visa. She has an American acquaintance. Will it enhance her possibility of getting the visa by having this American acquaintance send an invitation letter to her? If yes, what other material / information of this American friend need to be provided during the application process? Your answer will be very much appreciated.

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:41) Good afternoon! Your friend's American acquaintance should write an invitation letter to explain to the officer the nature of their relationship. Your friend's American

acquaintance is free to provide information regarding their employment, etc. However, it's more important for your friend to demonstrate their social and economic ties to China.

beryl: (16:42) when i open the website, why it always said that the it has encountered an application error, please try again later?

Visa Officer Shawntae White: (16:42) So sorry to hear about your inconvenience. If you continue to experience technical difficulties, keep in mind the Guangzhou Consulate is still accepting the older forms (DS-156, which is a hard copy) until we can be confident the DS-160 will work well enough to meet all of your and other applicants' needs. Once again, we really appreciate your patience while these growing pains are being sorted out. Thanks.

tigtagAmerigo: (16:43) In which condition should I choose the B1/B2 not the B1 or B2 when fill the form ds-160?

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (16:43) Hello! Please choose B1/B2 as a single category! Thanks!

samantha: (16:44) I have filled 2 DS160,one must fill the education ,training information,but why another one must not fill these information? thank you

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:44) Good afternoon! Thank you for your honest feedback. We especially appreciate questions like yours because it allows us to better evaluate our new online application system.

Owen: (16:45) A non personal related question to ask: my wife and my friend, said that she has an interview for a visa to the US. However, she does not speak English that well and does not know how to verify the information. As a result I have been asked to sort this out. Questions: how do or Can I find out my Chinese friend's interview date or does she need to do it. If possible, please give me a phone number, to call or that she can call. In advance thank you very much.

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:45) Good afternoon! Unfortunately, we cannot address immigration visa questions in this forum. For questions concerning specific cases, please go here:
<http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/contactiv.html>

刘新美: (16:46) DS-160 在线填写时忽然断线如何解决? 保存后又不能打开继续填写, 请问如何解决?

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (16:46) Hello, when you save the form on a USB or a CD, you should be able to return to the form and continue filling it out. Thank you!

wei wei: (16:48) Dear Allen, thanks for yours, if my daughter and i am F2 visa applicant, shall we have our own SEVIS I-20 form, how can we get it. thanks!

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (16:48) Yes, please contact the university that issued your wife's F1 visa. They should be able to help you obtain your I-20.

robin: (16:49) 我们一家 4 人（其中 2 名儿童）一起旅行，如何填表？如何预约 interview?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:49) Good afternoon! To learn how to apply for a visa and how to make an appointment for an interview, please go here: <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/niv-how-to-apply.html>

tovoyage: (16:49) good afternonn! i want know how to apply the group visa

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (16:49) Hello! Simply let the call center know that you are making visa interview appointments for a group. But each applicant must fill out his/her own DS160 form. Thanks!

Mandy: (16:49) Hi Shawntae, Thank you so much for your reply! But right now is Middle of March already. Is that possible I can get visa if I apply at the begining of April

Visa Officer Shawntae White: (16:49) Hi Mandy. I would recommend that you apply ASAP to ensure that you would be able to get your visa in time. Visas can usually be obtained within a week, yet sometimes may require additional processing. Since every case is different, we cannot assure you how long your visa will actually take; therefore, the importance of applying sooner than later. Hope this helps!

pengwenlin: (16:52) 美国公司总裁给我一个证明，让我去美国公司进行工作培训，请部我需要用哪一种签证申请呢？

Visa Officer Tom Leiby 2: (16:52) Good afternoon! In general, if it's a short-term training program, then you can apply for a B1/B2 visa.

Owen: (16:59) This question is conerning myself and my wife: how long is the B1/B2 Visa good for. At the longest we want to stay with my family for 2 months, but most likely it will be one. Is this doable?

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: (16:59) Owen, if you are issued a B1/B2 visa, your visa is valid for one year and you may return to U.S. as many times as you want within that year. How long you are allowed to stay in the U.S. is a factor determined by DHS officers at the port of entry. Typically it's 3-6 months.

Visa Officer Booyeon Lee Allen: Thanks to everyone who participated in today's Web chat! We appreciate your honest feedback. In April, we will have another outreach event at PAS that focuses on F1 visas and the DS160 process. Please keep checking back on our Web site!